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SUBJ:TEXT OF TOASTS AT SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON FOR
PRINCE SAUD

1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF TOASTS AT THE SECRETARY'S
LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 18 IN HONOR OF PRINCE SAUD BIN
FAISAL:

BEGIN TEXT:

SECRETARY KISSINGER: YOUR HIGHNESS, GENTLEMEN: I WOULD
LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR PLEASURE AT
WELCOMING HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS TO WASHINGTON. WE CANNOT
MATCH THE HOSPITALITY THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE
RECEIVED IN RIYADH AND JIDDA AND TAIF, BUT WE WANT YOU TO
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KNOW THAT THE WARMTH OF THE SENTIMENT IS RECIPROCATED.

SAUDI ARABIA IS PERHAPS THE OLDEST FRIEND OF THE UNITED

STATES IN THE ARAB WORLD, A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD AN UNINTERRUPTED HISTORY OF GOOD RELATIONS, A COUNTRY THAT RETAINED ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH VERY DIFFICULT PERIODS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WE FREQUENTLY MET ON THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WITH HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL. WE KNOW THE MODERATING ROLE THAT HE PLAYED, AND WE APPRECIATED THE WISE COUNSEL THAT HE GAVE US.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SAUDI ARABIA IS, OF COURSE, EXCELLENT ON THE BILATERAL LEVEL. ITS SCOPE HAS EXPANDED, AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING ON OUR SIDE TO DEEPEN IT EVEN FURTHER. BUT THE KINGDOM IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE ARAB WORLD. AND, THEREFORE, WHENEVER WE MEET WE INEVITABLY DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I HAVE HAD MANY OCCASIONS TO POINT OUT TO OUR FRIENDS IN SAUDI ARABIA THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO FURTHER THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE TOTALITY OF ITS PROBLEMS. WE CONSIDER THE RECENT AGREEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL A VERY SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THIS PROCESS. BUT WE CONSIDER IT ONLY A STEP, AND, AS THE AGREEMENT SAYS, IT IS NOT A FINAL DOCUMENT, AND NEGOTIATIONS MUST CONTINUE TO BRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT SOLUTION WHICH IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL OF MANKIND AS WELL AS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN A SPEECH IN CINCINNATI THE OTHER DAY, I STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES HELPED THE PARTIES NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT NOT TO PUT AN END TO THE PROCESS OF PEACE BUT TO GIVE IMPETUS TO THE PROCESS OF PEACE. THAT IS OUR POLICY, AND THAT POLICY WILL BE PURSUED. WE WILL ASSIST THE PARTIES AS THEY DESIRE, AND WE WILL TRY TO BE HELPFUL TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME
-- AND I CAN SAY VISIT YOU HERE BECAUSE I VISIT HERE
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ALMOST AS INFREQUENTLY AS YOU DO -- (LAUGHTER) TO WELCOME YOU HERE ON YOUR FIRST VISIT IN THIS CAPACITY. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD GOOD TALKS IN TAIF, AS WELL AS HERE WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS AND TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

PRINCE SAUD: MR. SECRETARY, I WOULD LIKE, FIRST OF ALL,

TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY THAT YOU HAVE AFFORDED US SINCE THE TIME WE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON. THE DEPRECATING REMARKS YOU MENTIONED ABOUT THIS HOSPITALITY, MAY I TELL YOU THAT SECRETARY SIMON WAS

VERY ENVIOUS ABOUT THE SUMPTUOUSNESS OF THE MEAL THAT WE HAD HERE TODAY. (LAUGHTER) SO I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR THIS. MAYBE IT WILL SPREAD TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT. (LAUGHTER)

I HAVE HAD THE HONOR TODAY OF MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THAT COURTESY. IT'S A COURTESY THAT I THINK WAS CONVEYED FOR THE KINGDOM AND THE HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP OF MY COUNTRY WITH YOUR COUNTRY.

YOU HAVE MENTIONED THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP EXTENDED FAR BACK IN HISTORY. I THINK IT HAS LIVED THROUGH TREMENDOUS TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST BOTH FOR YOUR COUNTRY AND FOR MY COUNTRY. AND I HOPE THAT WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF WISDOM FROM OUR LEADERS THAT IT HAS HAD IN THE PAST, THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND EXPAND.

AS YOU HAVE ALSO MENTIONED, MR. SECRETARY, WE ARE PART OF THE MIDDLE EAST. SAUDI ARABIA IS A COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ITS HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS ARE LINKED WITH THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE AREA. THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE TWO MAJOR POWERS IN THE WORLD. ITS STAKES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE ALSO VERY LARGE, BOTH IN TERMS OF HUMAN VALUES AND IN OTHER VALUES THAT WE CAN MENTION. THE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE AREA IS ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES, I THINK, OF HOPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TOWARDS REACHING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA.

AS YOU HAVE MENTIONED, THE ROAD IS NOT NECESSARILY EASY. BUT I THINK THE CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE WORKING TOWARDS THAT END TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND EQUITABLE PEACE IN THE AREA WHERE THE RIGHTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF ALL THOSE CONCERNED ARE RESPECTED AND PROVIDED FOR, IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR THAT WOULD IN ANY CASE ALLAY THE ANXIETIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT ONE CAN SEE NOW CROPPING OUT AFTER THE NEW AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI.

AS I TOLD YOU, MR. SECRETARY, WHEN YOU VISITED US IN SAUDI ARABIA, THAT SAUDI ARABIA VIEWS THIS AGREEMENT AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS PEACE. BUT IT IS A STEP, AND IT IS THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL THAT IS IMPORTANT, AND THE DIRECTION OF THAT STEP THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS,

WILL SAY WHETHER THAT STEP REALLY BROUGHT US CLOSER TO PEACE AND WHETHER THAT STEP IS GOING TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS.

THE ASSURANCES OF YOURSELF AND THE PRESIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO CONTINUE ON THAT ROAD AND WITH THAT GOAL IN MIND CERTAINLY HAS STRONG WEIGHT ON MANY OF THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA.

I HOPE THAT THIS COMMITMENT TO PEACE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES CAN BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WHATEVER ANXIETY THERE EXISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS BASED ON PERHAPS CLARIFYING THIS ISSUE FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. I THINK, AS I HAVE TOLD YOU, PRESIDENT SADAT IN THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED HAS TAKEN TREMENDOUS RISKS TOWARDS PEACE. I THINK THIS CAN BE -- THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY TO REACH PEACE, IF ALL SIDES TOOK RISKS TOWARDS PEACE. ON THE OTHER HAND, I THINK THE STATEMENTS THAT ONE HEARS FROM THE OTHER SIDE -- FROM ISRAEL -- PRESENTING THIS AGREEMENT AS AN END IN ITSELF, DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THIS.

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BUT, IN ANY CASE, I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HEAR THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF PEACE IN THE AREA. I SHALL CONVEY THIS TO MY COUNTRY AND MY KING, AND I'M SURE THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF THEIR HOPES, THAT PEACE FINALLY WILL COME TO OUR AREA.

THANK YOU AGAIN, MR. SECRETARY, FOR THE HOSPITALITY, AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU AND TO BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE SAME HOSPITALITY WHEN YOU COME TO SAUDI ARABIA, BUT NOT FOR FOUR HOURS ONLY NEXT TIME, I HOPE.

THANK YOU, MR. SECRETARY.

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